

STRIKE HALTS 2,500 TRAINS; PARALYZES TRADE

Fuel Shortage Throws 500,000 Men Out of Work and Further Increases Food Prices.

BRITAIN FACES CRISIS.

All Lines of Business Feel Effect of Great Tie-Up—Strike Spreads to Germany.

LONDON, March 4.—It was officially announced today that 2,500 trains have been discontinued by the several railway systems in the United Kingdom. Every freight train that could be spared was taken off, and in addition every local passenger train. The trains still running have been severely curtailed so that there is no duplication by the various lines, and interchangeable tickets have been issued to travelers.

Many of the suburban stations have been closed, thus hindering the coal needed to heat them. The railway boards of all the roads are co-operating to save coal and cut down expenses. But with the most rigorous precautions traffic will soon be at a standstill through lack of fuel to move trains, as few of the roads have maintained any great reserve supply because of lack of storage room.

Mill and factories throughout the country continued to shut down today because of the shortage of fuel. It was estimated that 500,000 workers in South Wales alone had been thrown out of work.

Food prices continued to increase today and there was much suffering among the poor. Fishermen were unable to get enough coal to use on their trawlers, and it was expected that the price of fish would soon become almost prohibitive.

AMQUITH GIVES NO PROMISE OF SETTLEMENT.

Premier Asquith made his promised statement concerning the coal dispute this afternoon in the House of Commons, but did not announce to the country any settlement or an immediate prospective settlement.

"Time is being lost," said the Premier, "and I cannot help believing that time will break the deadlock."

The two points of view referred to by Mr. Asquith were those outlined in his speech to the miners' delegates on Feb. 28, in which he pointed out that the Government had recognized the principle of the minimum wage demanded by the underground workers, and that a majority of the coal owners had assented to the proposal.

The Premier's statement was largely made up of repetitions of that speech. He declared that the British Government was still strongly of the opinion that the best way to fix a minimum wage scale was for the Government to set up machinery for ascertaining the necessary facts, but the miners still refused to recede from their own schedule.

The Premier concluded by appealing to the House of Commons to recognize the terrible responsibility resting upon every member to refrain from comment at the present time. Mr. Asquith made one particularly interesting statement, in which he denied that he had said, as had been asserted in a speech of one of the miners' leaders, that "the Government regarded the granting of a minimum wage in the coal trade as the first step to the attainment of a minimum wage for all industries."

BOCHUM, Germany, March 4.—A miners' strike, which was totally unexpected, and which had been ordered by the miners' union, broke out in three mines here today, the men leaving work because, as they assert, unjustified deductions had been made from their wages.

INSURGENTS SING HYMNS.

Polish Worshippers Drive Unwelcome Priest from Posaune Pulpit.

Opposition to a priest took the form of loud and continuous hymn singing yesterday in the morning service at St. Joseph's Polish Catholic Church, Posaune, with the result that Father Julius Mantouzel faced 150 protesting parishioners for about twenty minutes without being able to make himself heard and then retreated from the pulpit. He was so much affected that he broke down at the altar. With his exit the congregation became quiet and the service was finished by Father Polak.

The demonstration voiced the resentment of malcontents in the parish over Father Mantouzel's appointment by Bishop O'Connor to succeed the late Father Chibowski as head of the parish. While Father Chibowski lay ill his work was carried on by Father Stanislaus Krusinski, assistant. The people expected him to be their next pastor.

Police reserves were within call, expecting a violent disturbance, ready, but they could not arrest hymn singers. The parish numbers 10,000 members.

MANY WOULD BE JACK KETCH.

Even Boys Would Be Jack Ketch.

NANCY LEISHMAN WHOSE DOWRY IS TOO SMALL FOR GERMAN COURT.



BERLIN, March 4.—Society and military circles are both interested and amused by the report that Count Fugge proposed for the hand of Miss Nancy Leishman, daughter of the American Ambassador, but withdrew the proposal on learning the amount of Miss Leishman's probable dowry, which is reported to be insufficient to meet the Count's requirements.

Awaiting confirmation of the story, Americans in Berlin are inclined to think that the Ambassador may have placed the dowry figure at its lowest as a polite way of refusing the Count's offer.

POULTRY DEALER GETS TEN DAYS IN THE TOMBS.

Isaac S. Frank Is Also Fined \$150 in General Sessions.

Isaac S. Frank of No. 75 East One Hundred and Tenth street, proprietor of several poultry stands in Washington Market, pleaded guilty today in Special Sessions of offering for sale unwholesome poultry. Frank was sentenced to the Tombs prison for ten days and in addition was fined \$150.

Assistant-Corporation Counsel Sherman Stiefel, who appeared in court to prosecute Frank, urged Justice Russell, Zeller and Deuel to send Frank to the penitentiary for a long term.

"Washington Market," Mr. Stiefel told the Justices, "is owned by the city of New York. Stalls are rented there for little money in order that the poor may profit thereby and obtain good wholesome food at cheaper prices than they can obtain elsewhere."

Inspector Albert W. Koss of the Board of Health told the Justices he visited Frank's stall on Oct. 8 and found there several dozen pounds of poultry in a putrid condition. This poultry was advertised to be sold when Koss confiscated it.

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THREE DIE IN HOUSE BLAZE
SEVENTY OTHERS ESCAPE.

Flames Cause Death and Panic in Big Boston Tenement in Early Day.

BOSTON, March 4.—Three persons lost their lives at a fire in a big tenement-house covering three city lots on Hanover street early today. Nearly seventy others escaped. The dead were Carmelo Zermola, thirty-five years; Giuseppe Crasofel, thirty-eight years; and Mrs. Mario Alegre, fifty years. Zermola jumped from a window and was killed. The other two were suffocated.

There was a panic among the tenants, which made the work of rescue difficult for the firemen and police.

Robert Van Deusen Dead.

Robert L. Van Deusen, thirty-five years old, one of the best known newspaper men in New York, died Saturday at Liberty, Sullivan County, where he had been for two months after a long fight against a disease that had long threatened his life. He improved temporarily, but recently had rapidly failed. Mr. Van Deusen was born in Great Barrington, Mass. His two sisters were with him when he died. The burial will be at Canaan, Conn., probably tomorrow.

This Home-Made Cough Syrup Will Surprize You

Stops Even Whooping Cough Quickly. A Family Supply at Small Cost.

Here is a home-made remedy that takes hold of a cough instantly, and will usually cure the most stubborn case in 24 hours. This recipe makes a pint—enough for a whole family. You couldn't buy as much or as good ready-made cough syrup for \$1.50.

One pint of granulated sugar with 1/4 pint of warm water, and stir 5 minutes. Put 3/4 ounces of Pinex (fifty cents worth) in a pint bottle, and add the Sugar Syrup. This keeps perfectly and has a pleasant taste—children like it. Braces up the appetite and is slightly laxative, which helps and a cough.

DICTAGRAPHS PUT IN BANDITS' CELLS RECORD SECRETS

Police Successfully Use Machines That Played Important Part in McNamara Case.

SIX MORE ARE INDICTED.

Four Accused of Robbery in First Degree and Others of Receiving Stolen Money.

The dictagraph, which played such an important part in working up the McNamara case, has been utilized in getting information from and about the gang under arrest for the Church street taxicab robbery. Transmitters of a dictagraph machine were "planted" in cells at Headquarters, and detectives at the receiving and recorded conversations between the prisoners.

It was learned by means of the dictagraph that the original plan for holding up the East River National Bank messengers included shooting Gene Montani, the chauffeur who drove the bank taxicab, in the leg. This idea was evolved by others when Montani was not present.

Montani did not fancy the idea. He said he refused to be shot in the leg for any amount of money. Blood poisoning might set in, he protested, and he might lose his leg or perhaps his life. His protests brought about the scheme for one of the gang to climb on the seat alongside him and make pretense of holding a revolver against his side.

SIX MORE INDICTED FOR THE TAXICAB HOLDUP.

The Grand Jury handed down indictments today against Eugene Spaine, Matteo Arbano, a suspect known as "Dutch," and another known as "Joe the Kid." All are charged with robbery in the first degree in that they participated in the \$25,000 taxicab holdup. "Dutch" and "Joe the Kid" are still at large.

Indictments charging the reception of stolen goods were filed against Joe Panella, alias "Joe the Push," and George Della. These men owned the saloon in Thompson street where the robbery was planned and where the money was divided. Spaine, Arbano and Della were arraigned before Judge Swann this afternoon for pleading. Spaine had already confessed and pleaded guilty. Arbano also made a confession, and a plea is expected from him tomorrow as he and Della asked for an adjournment today.

Edward Kinamen, alias Collins, furnished the bulk of the evidence upon which today's indictment was found. He was the first man arrested, and statements made by him to the police resulted in the rounding up of almost the entire gang. Kinamen has pleaded guilty to robbery in the second degree, and is aiding the police and the District Attorney.

STILL HOPE TO CLEAR UP STERN MURDER.

Outside of hunting for the suspects in the \$25,000 taxicab robbery who are still at large, the detectives are bent

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Fifth Ave. at Thirty-Fifth St.

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MRS. CLOVER SUES.

Asks \$20,000 Damages for Death of Husband.

A suit to recover \$20,000 for the death of her husband was started in the Supreme Court today by Mrs. Mary Alice Curley Clover against William I. Shearer, owner, and J. Romaine Brown and Alexander P. W. Kinman, agents, of the apartment building at Nos. 273-277 Broadway.

Lewis P. Clover, who was a well-known newspaper man and a grandnephew of Abraham Lincoln, stepped on an unfenced coal hole over in front of the property on Feb. 8 last and died.

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BANKER THALMAN'S WILL.

Widow Gets \$7,000,000 Exclusive of Interest in Business.

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The will of Ernst Thalman, the banker, who died Feb. 28, was filed for probate in the Surrogate's office this afternoon. While the testimony simply stated the estate is "in excess of \$10,000,000," the will itself showed the banker left more than \$25,000,000.

To his widow the testator set aside \$10,000,000, exclusive of his interest in the banking firm of Ladouguere, Thalman & Co. After three charitable bequests and bequests of \$20,000 to Jeanne Rosen, a niece, and \$20,000 to Mrs. Hedwig Neumann, governess of Mr. Thalman's younger son Paul, the testator left the residue to his widow and two sons, Paul Ernst and Edward Ernst Thalman.

The charities named were: Hebrew Orphan Asylum, \$10,000; Mount Sinai Hospital, \$10,000; German Hospital and Dispensary, \$5,000.

Boy Scouts Has a Newspaper.

Norman L. Sper of No. 81 Middleton street, Brooklyn, a Boy Scout of Troop 28, is the editor of the Boy Scouts' Review and Aeronautical Bulletin, a publication devoted to news of interest to the Boy Scouts. The youthful editor's first issue, which is published today, deals mainly with aeronautics, on the theory that the interest now being taken in the science by the Army and Navy Departments make it necessary for the boys to form an amateur recruiting force from which the future Government might be largely drawn. Sper is only seventeen years old and has edited quite an interesting four-page paper.

Debits of the Hotel Belvedere.

Schedules of the Hotel Belvedere Company, Broadway and Seventy-seventh street, show liabilities of \$76,254.76.

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A Specialist.

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